



SPOTLIGHT

Family Volunteer Day ~
November 21, 2009



In November 2008, President Obama and his family volunteered at a South Side food pantry near their Chicago home. He said he wanted his two daughters "to learn the importance of how fortunate they are and make sure they are giving back." This year, Family Volunteer Day offers a chance for us to take the First Family's cue and get out into our own communities to give back.

HandsOn Network, generated by Points of Light Institute, and the Walt Disney Company proudly present Family Volunteer Day, held on the Saturday before



Thanksgiving. This day of service is designed to demonstrate the power of families who choose to volunteer together to support the communities where they live and serve. Family Volunteer Day projects contribute to community wellness, strengthen family bonds, help children learn compassion and civic responsibility, and allow adults to model important values — all while spending valuable time together.

Visit the [Family Volunteering Day](#) website for suggestions on developing and planning a project, reflection and recognition ideas, volunteering resources, and a place to submit your own project online to share with others.

RESOURCES

Now Showing: Resource Center on YouTube



The Resource Center's [YouTube page](#) has become bigger and better — we recently added over 60 videos and gave the page a fresh new look. Visit the "[serviceresources](#)"

channel and discover inspiring and informative videos on a broad array of topics related to national and community service, including social media webinars and training.

Two New Tutorials for VISTA Programs

[Collecting Data for Your VISTA Project](#): Need help with data collection for a VISTA project? Check out Project STAR's new audio-visual tutorial — it covers all the steps involved in planning for data collection and shows how to develop a written data collection plan. It also includes a sample data collection instrument that can be modified for almost any VISTA project.

[Reporting Results for AmeriCorps VISTA](#):

Getting ready to submit a VISTA progress report? This audio-visual tutorial from Project STAR offers tips and best practices for writing complete and informative progress reports. It also demonstrates how to use a template to organize reporting information and includes a detailed example for a VISTA project plan.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Innovation Fund: Briefing Call Recording Available Online

On Thursday, October 15, the Corporation for National and



Community Service held a briefing call and Q&A session about the Social Innovation Fund. Listen to or download a recording from the CNCS [Social Innovation Fund web page](#). Housed at CNCS, the Social Innovation Fund aims to solve some of our nation's most difficult social challenges by working with the grant-making community to fund promising nonprofits that have demonstrated outcomes.



Webinar: Social Media for Faith-Based Communities

Social media seems to align naturally with the strong community-building focus among communities of faith. This session from the Nonprofit Technology Network will discuss why social media can be a valuable tool for faith-based organizations, and why they are often challenged in embracing technology change. A panel representing various religious communities will share their respective experiences and provide examples of current best practices using social media.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 :: 11:00–12:30 PT / 2:00–3:30 ET

[Details and registration at the Resource Center events calendar.](#)

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SAVE THE DATE!



[MLK Day of Service](#)
January 18, 2010

CONNECT AND SHARE

Connecting with the service community through social media tools can be helpful — and fun! Visit the [Connect page](#) at the Resource Center.

ABOUT THE RESOURCE CENTER

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